

South Sudan - Media Monitor & Administrative Support on Political Topics



Project Title	South Sudan - Media Monitor & Administrative Support on Political Topics
Project Summary	How do you stabilize a brand new nation in the midst of major conflict? Start with collecting, analyzing, and compiling regular news and reports on key issues in South Sudan and the surrounding region. Develop digital tools to track news. Draft written products. And much, much more....
Country	South Sudan
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	N/A
Post	JUBA
Section	POL
Number of Interns	3

Project Description

What does it take to manage a bilateral relationship with the youngest sovereign nation in the world amidst crisis conditions? Monitor daily news from U.S. and international media relating to South Sudan. Build a “listening dashboard” to track news pertaining to political and human rights issues in South Sudan and surrounding nations. Information should be well-cited as it could be utilized in congressionally mandated reports such as the Human Rights Report (HRR). Ensure dashboard can be easily edited and transferred to future officers in the field for use. Read and analyze longer reports, providing executive summaries. Research and compile information, with the possibility of providing first drafts of unclassified written products. Develop a government organizational chart and template for accumulating and editing organized biographies as well as information and summaries on influential civil society organizations and non-profit organizations. Update information with Pol-Econ Officers

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

Desired Interests and Skills: The ideal candidate would have strong research skills, strong writing abilities in English, know how to use digital tools effectively, and the ability to draft items under short deadlines. An ability to locate and critically analyze quality news sources will be vital. Familiarity with political and human rights issues in East Africa and South Sudan is desirable.

Foreign Language and Level: Native English speaker (or equivalent). Proficiency in Arabic, Swahili, or foreign languages used for media publication in South Sudan is useful but not required.

Additional Information: 5-10 hours per week will be required of each VSFS e-intern to gather information, analyze it, and summarize reports to the Political-Economic Section. Candidate must be available for 1 hour daily in the early morning (assuming you are in a U.S. time zone) as press reports will need to be compiled in the evening of South Sudan's time zone. 2-3 hours additional work may be required on agreed-upon special projects.

Language Requirements

None